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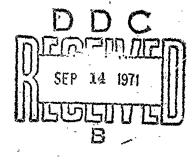
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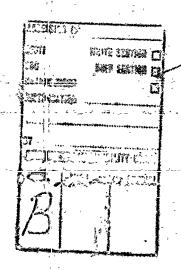
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#### I INTRODUCTION

- A. An operating air base has reported three accidents in which the MK 77 Mod 2 fire bomb store carried at the centerline station of an F-4B aircraft was engaged and dislodged by the deck pendant of an E-28 arresting gear. The accidents occurred as the aircraft rolled over the deck pendant at a speed of approximately 80 knots during the initial portion of the takeoff roll. Aircraft tire sections were installed to support the pre-tensioned pendant of the arresting gear in battery position. Incidents of pendant contact with the bottom of the store have also occurred with the plastic-rail type support. The nose of the centerline station store is located 17 inches forward and/or 5 inches aft of the main landing gear when installed at the forward (recommended) or the aft centerline station positions. With proper main-landing-gear strut and tire pressures, the minimum runway clearance is 8 inches to the bottom and 18 inches to the nose/centerline of the 90-inch-long store.
- B. This test program was initiated as a consequence of the above accidents. The program consisted of F-4 aircraft rollovers of the E-28 arresting-gear deck pendant and an F-4 airframe rollover of a simulated E-28 arresting-gear deck-pendant installation. The tests were authorized by reference (a) and were conducted at the RALS (Runway Arrested, Landing Site) and the RSTS (Recovery Systems Track Site) No. 5 from 3 April to 14 July 1970. The test objectives were to:
  - 1. Investigate the centerline station store damage problem.
- 2. Determine the effects of aircraft wheel rollover and engine afterburner blast on the pendant installed on the arresting gear without supports.
- 3. Evaluate the effects of plastic-rail and rubber-donut supports, pendant pre-tension, aircraft rollover speed, and the lateral distance between the nosewheel and support on peak pendant heights after nosewheel and main-wheel rollovers.
- C. The results of the deck-pendant rollover tests are presented and evaluated in this report. Pendant height profiles are plotted to illustrate the interference problem with the centerline station store, and peak pendant heights after nosewheel and main-wheel rollover are plotted to show the effects of each of the selected variables. All test objectives were accomplished.

# II TEST EQUIPMENT

# A. RALS

- 1. The E-28 arresting gear (units 019 and 020) was configured as specified in NAEC Drawing 6137164 and as follows:
  - a. Deck-sheave span 225 feet
- b. Arresting-gear centerline ON-CENTER on 200-foot-wide runway
  - c. Tape-reel-tc-deck-sheave-split distance 17 feet
- d. Uncoated nylon purchase tapes 920 feet long x 8 inches wide x 0.35 inch thick
- e. Nonrotating wire-rope deck pendants 190 feet long x 1-1/4 inches in diameter (used with aircraft-tire-section and plastic-rail supports) and 135 feet long x 1-1/4 inches in diameter (used with rubber-donut supports)
- f. Pendant supports were installed as follows (the various supports are shown in Figure 1):

		Pendant	Suppor	t	
Refer to Figure No.	Type	Identifyîng Number	No. <u>Used</u>	Locations from the Runway Centerline, Port and Starboard (Feet)	Pendant Height on Support (Inches)*
1A	Aircraft tire section	NAVAIR 51-5-31	4	6 and 18+ 10 and 30+ 7 and 21	5 <b>-</b> 3/8
1B	Rubber donut	NAEC EO 68-776	6	7, 21 and 35	4-1/8
10	Plastic rail	NAEC PN 613572-6	4	7 and 21	4-1/2

<sup>\*</sup> Measured to the top surface of the pendant in battery position.

<sup>+</sup> Site events 26,629, 26,630, and 26,631.

<sup>#</sup> Site event 26,632.

<sup>2.</sup> The gross-weight of the F-4 aircraft ranged from 30,900 to 38,000 pounds. External stores were not installed.

# B. RSTS No. 5

- 1. The deck pendant of the E-28 arresting gear was simulated by the installation of a 90-foot-long x 1-1/4-inch-diameter nonrotating wirerope deck pendant. The pendant was installed and pre-tensioned in battery position between two short lengths of E-28 purchase tape which were anchored to the universal mounting pad at each end with a turnbuckle. An E-28 tape connector and an M-21 tape clamp were used to fasten the pendant and turnbuckle end of each tape.
- 2. Aircraft-tire-section pendant supports, NAVAIR 51-5-31, were installed ON-CENTER and 14 feet to port and starboard of the centerline.
- 3. The gross weight of the F-4 airframe was 35,000 pounds. External stores were not installed.

# III TEST PROCEDURE

# A. RALS

- 1. Rollover tests of the E-28 arresting-gear deck pendant were conducted with the F-4 aircraft. The deck pendant of the arresting gear was configured with either aircraft-tire-section, plastic-rail, or rubberdonut supports and was also placed on the runway surface without supports. Pendant pre-tension, aircraft speed, and nosewheel lateral distance from the support at pendant rollover were varied. The procedure was as follows:
- a. The initial tests using aircraft-tire-section pendant supports were conducted to investigate possible causes for an accident with the F-4B aircraft store. The nosewheel-to-support lateral distance at rollover was varied from 10 to 2 feet and the rollover speed from 80 to 138 knots. Direct nosewheel rollover of a support was purposely avoided because engagement of the main landing gear strut by the deck pendant of the arresting gear was thought to be possible. It was decided to test the suspect support rollover condition at RSTS No. 5 with the F-4 airframe rather than risk damaging the F-4 aircraft.
- b. A series of tests was conducted at speeds ranging from 82 to 157 knots with the engines of the F-4 aircraft at afterburner power during rollover to determine the effects of wheel impact and afterburner blast on a deck pendant placed on the runway surface without supports. Pendant pre-tension was varied from 1,160 to 0 pounds.
- c. The final test series was conducted from slow taxi speed to a maximum speed of 144 knots to evaluate the effects of the five parameters on peak pendant heights after nosewheel and main-wheel rollover. The pendant-store contact problem with the plastic-rail type support was also investigated. The nosewheel-to-support (plastic rail and rubber donut) lateral distances at rollover were 7, 2, and 0 feet. Pendant pretension was varied from 2,360 to 0 pounds. Because of other test commitments, the F-4 aircraft was not available to complete the scheduled 140-knot rollover of the plastic-rail support.
- 2. Aircraft and arresting-gear instrumentation is listed as follows:

Parameter	Recording Method	Estimated Accuracy Within (±)
Aircraft speed	Deck Coil	2 knots
Aircraft weight (basic and fuel)	Electronic load cells and aircraft fuel quantity gage	200 pounds
Pendant tension	Strain-gaged link	5%
Aircraft nosewheel position	Visual observation and aircraft-mounted high-speed motion-picture camera	6 inches
Pendant height above runway surface*	Ground-based high-speed motion-picture cameras+	1 inch

<sup>\*</sup> Measurements refer to top surface of pendant.

Pendant heights were measured by means of five 2-foot-high portable stakes painted with alternate 2-inch-wide horizontal black and white stripes. The stakes were photographed alongside the deck pendant as shown in Figure 2 prior to each series of rollovers to provide a calibration grid for use on a BOSCAR film reader.

# B. RSTS No. 5

- 1. A rollover test of a simulated E-28 arresting-gear deck-pendant installation was conducted at a speed of 99 knots. Three aircraft-tire-section pendant supports were installed so the F-4 airframe nosewheel rolled directly over the ON-CENTER support. A triple barricade installed on the Mark 7 Mod 3 arresting gear for other project tests was used to arrest the F-4 airframe.
  - 2. The instrumentation was similar to that used at RALS.

<sup>-</sup> Located 40 feet to port and starboard of runway centerline, 18 inches above the runway surface and 160 feet downstream from arresting-gear deck pendant. A third camera was located directly behind the port arresting-gear unit in the vertical plane of the deck pendant.

# IV PRESENTATION OF TEST RESULTS

A. During this test program, a total of 76 deck-pendant rollovers were conducted: 75 rollovers of the E-28 arresting-gear deck pendant at RALS with the F-4 aircraft and one rollover of a simulated E-28 deck-pendant installation at RSTS No. 5 with the F-4 airframe. The tabulated data of each test event are contained in Appendix A and summarized in the following table:

						Range of Peak				
					Nosewhee1	Pendant	Heights			
	F-4 Air	F-4 Aircraft Pendant				After Rollover				
	Weight	Speed	Suppo	rt	From the	(In	.)			
No. of	Range	Range		Span	Support		Main			
Events	(1,000 Lb)	<u>(Kn)</u>	Type	(Ft)	(Ft)	Nosewheel	Wheel			
1	38.0	132	Tires	12	6	*	10.3			
2	36.0-37.0	137+138	11	11	3	*	10.5-11.5			
1	35.0	133	11	20	10	*	9.3			
2	36.4-38.5	80- 82	11	14	3	6.0-7.4	6.7- 7.6			
2	34.9-35.3	80- 82	11	11	2	6.6-7.2	9.09.3			
1†	35.0	99	H	11	0	12.1	22.3			
11	30.9-36.4	82-157	None	None	<b>‡</b>	<b>‡</b>	#			
5	36.2-38.2	99-139	Rails	14	7	3.9-6.0	7.1- 9.3			
14	33.4 <b>-</b> 37.8	81-142	11	11	2	5.4 <b>-</b> 7.7	8.3-11.1			
15	38.2 <sub>∰</sub> -31.4 <sub>♦</sub>	Taxi-128	11	11	0	4.5-9.9	8.3-19.4			
4	33.2-38.0	99-138	Donuts	11	7	3.6-5.0	6.4- 8.9			
5	32.4-37.4	101-144	11	11	2	3.5-4.9	5.5 <b>-</b> 7.9			
13	32.9-37.7	68-141	11	11	0	5.3-7.7	6.0-10.2			

<sup>\*</sup> No record obtained.

<sup>+</sup> F-4 airframe at RSTS No. 5. Six feet of tape pulled through port M-21 tape clamp.

<sup>#</sup> Pendant moved aft on runway surface by afterburner blast: no vertical motion.

The Cam mechanism of port or starboard arresting engine released pendant pre-tension during 91-, 99-, 102-, and 128-knot rollovers.

<sup>◆</sup> Cam mechanism of both port and starboard arresting engines released pendant pre-tension during 87-knot rollover.

B. The pendant height profile beneath the centerline of the F-4 airframe/aircraft during rollovers of the pendant are shown in Figures 3, 4, and 5 to illustrate the interference problem with the centerline station store. Figure 3 shows the results of an F-4 airframe nosewheel rollover of an aircraft-tire-section pendant support at a speed of 99 knots. Figures 4 and 5 show typical

pendant height profiles during F-4 aircraft rollovers of the plastic-rail and rubber-donut supported pendants, respectively, at speeds of 82 to 139 knots and lateral distances of 0 and 7 feet between the nosewheel and support at rollover. The abscissa of Figures 3, 4, and 5, Aircraft Travel (Feet), corresponds to the following locations on the F-4 aircraft.

Aircraft Travel (Feet)	Location
0	Initial nosewheel contact with the deck pendant
21.9-29.3	Forward centerline station store
23.2	Main landing gear
23.7-31.2	Aft centerline station store
40.8	Arresting-hook point on the static ground line

Minimum runway clearance is 8 inches to the bottom and 18 inches to the nose/centerline of the 90-inch-long centerline station store. The F-4 aircraft main-wheel span is 17 feet 11 inches.

C. Figures 6 and 7 show the peak pendant heights caused by the nose-wheel and the main wheels of the F-4 aircraft during rollovers of the pendant supported by plastic rails and rubber donuts. The peak pendant heights are identified by symbols according to the lateral distance between the nosewheel and the support at rollover and are plotted versus rollover speed and pendant pre-tension to show the general effects of these variables. Only the general effects are considered in the analysis because of the limited quantity of the data sample and extent of the data scatter. To aid in the analysis, the least squares method was used to reduce the individual data points to best-fit curves. The assumed form of the equation is:

# Pendant height = $av^b$

where V is the rollover speed or pendant pre-tension variable

and a and b are constants determined from the test data using the least squares method.

Aircraft-tire-section peak pendant height data is listed in Appendix A; this data was not plotted because it includes several differing test parameters within the small size data sample.

# V TEST RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

# A. Pendant Height Profiles

- 1. Aircraft-Tire-Section Supports: A maximum pendant height profile was realized during direct nosewheel rollover of the aircraft-tire-section support (see Figure 3). The height of the pendant exceeded the 8-inch minimum runway clearance of the store at the centerline station location of the F-4 aircraft. After this result, no additional tests with aircraft-tire-section supports were conducted. A photographic sequence of the rollover is shown in Figure 8.
- 2. <u>Plastic-Rail Supports</u>: The 8-inch minimum runway clearance of the store was exceeded forward of or at the centerline station location of the F-4 aircraft (see Figure 4, graphs B, C, D, and E).
- 3. Rubber-Donut Supports: The 8-inch minimum runway clearance of the store was not exceeded (see Figure 5); however, the margin of safety indicated in Figure 5, graphs C and E, is only 1/2 to 1 inch.

# B. Peak Pendant Heights

- 1. Nosewheel rollover peak pendant heights at nosewheel-to-support distances of 0, 2, and 7 feet were not significantly affected by either rollover speed or pendant pre-tension (see Figures 6 and 7). The highest peak values of 7.7 and 9.9 inches occurred as a result of direct nosewheel rollovers of the rubber-donut and the plastic-rail supports, respectively; the minimum values occurred at nosewheel-to-support lateral distances of 2 or 7 feet from the rubber-donut support and 7 feet from the plastic-rail support.
- 2. The 8-inch minimum runway clearance of the centerline station store was/was not exceeded as follows:
- a. Was exceeded during 9, of the 14 direct nosewheel rollovers of the plastic-rail support but was not exceeded during 13 direct nosewheel rollovers of the donut support.
- b. Was exceeded during 30 of the 32 main-wheel rollovers of the plastic-rail-supported pendant and during 10 of the 22 main-wheel rollovers of the donut-supported pendant.
- 3. Main-wheel rollovers produced higher peak pendant heights and greater pendant height scatter than nosewheel rollovers. The dissimilar characteristics of the main-wheel rollover peak pendant height curves reflect the extent of the data scatter (see Figures 6 and 7).

C. Rollover of Unsupported Pendant: Although nosewheel and mainwheel rollover impacts caused the unsupported pendant to roll slightly, the pendant remained on the runway surface at all times. The portion of the pendant in the direct path of the afterburner blast moved 2 to 6 feet when not pre-tensioned and from 0 to 2 feet when pre-tensioned to 1,000 and 600 pounds. The rollover conditions for these events are listed in Appendix A.

# D. Arresting-Gear and Aircraft Operation

- 1. The cam mechanism of either one or both arresting engines released pendant pre-tension during 5 of the 14 direct nosewheel roll-overs of the plastic-rail supports. It is probable that the main wheels actually caused the cams to release because the main-wheel roll-over impact loads generated in the pendant exceeded the cam release setting during these events.
- 2. The F-4 aircraft nosewheel tire and plastic-rail pendant support in Figure 9 show evidence of distortion due to lateral loads at the common area of contact during nosewheel rollover of the support. Several anchor screws were pulled through enlarged holes within the metal baseplate of the support. Permanent distortion of the plastic rail made realignment of the holes with the expansion anchors in the runway and replacement of the screws difficult. The nose and main landing gear of the F-4 aircraft were not damaged as a result of the rollovers.

#### VI CONCLUSIONS

- A. These tests substantiate that the pendant will impact the MK 77 Mod 2 fire bomb installed at the centerline station of the F-4 aircraft (8-inch minimum runway clearance) if aircraft-tire-section or plastic-rail pendant supports are used; clearance is marginal if rubber-donut supports are used. Therefore, these pendant supports are unsatisfactory for use with the E-28 arresting gear. (Section V, paragraphs A1, A2, and A3)
- B. The unsupported deck pendant of the E-28 arresting gear will remain on the runway surface with no vertical motion during F-4 aircraft rollovers at afterburner power. (Section V, paragraph C)
- C. Rollover speed and deck-pendant pre-tension do not have a significant effect on peak pendant heights caused by rollover by the nose-wheel. The effect of these variables on peak pendant heights caused by rollover by the main wheels is inconclusive. (Section V, paragraph B)
- D. The highest peak pendant heights after nosewheel and main-wheel rollover occurred after direct rollover of the support by the nosewheel and subsequent pendant rollover by the main wheels. The pendant heights decreased as the lateral distance between the nosewheel and the support was increased. (Section V, paragraph B)
- E. Main-wheel rollover pendant impact load is sufficient to actuate the cam mechanism of the arresting engine and release pendant pre-tension after nosewheel rollover of the plastic-rail support. (Section V, paragraph Dl)
- F. Direct wheel rollovers permanently distort the plastic-rail support and separate the anchor screws from the support baseplate. (Section V, paragraph D2)
- G. The effect of the pendant battery-position heights listed in Section II, paragraph Alf, on the resulting pendant heights caused by aircraft wheel rollover was not determined.

#### VII RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Rail- and donut-type pendant supports should be developed to reduce pendant heights caused by aircraft wheel rollover. (In this regard, tests indicate the donut is superior to the rail support design.)
  - B. Discontinue use of aircraft-tire-section pendant supports.
- C. Until a suitable support is developed, the deck pendant of the E-28 arresting gear should be temporarily removed from the runway during takeoff of F-4 aircraft to prevent damage to the MK 77 Mod 2 fire bomb at the centerline station.
- D. The rollover speed, pendant pre-tension, and nosewheel-to-support distance effects determined in these tests should be considered in the planning and the executing of future pendant-support development.
- E. The release setting of the arresting-engine cam mechanism should be increased.
- F. The plastic-rail support should be redesigned to reduce permanent distortion and improve support retention on the runway.
- G. Determine the effect of pendant battery-position height on pendant heights caused by aircraft wheel rollover.
- H. A warning block should be included in the F-4 aircraft NATOPS manual as follows:

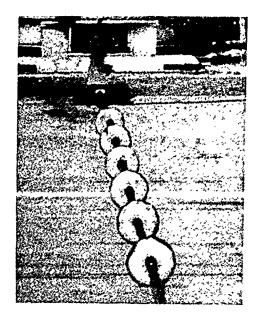
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Do not roll over a supported deck pendant with the F-4 aircraft when configured with the MK 77 Mod 2 fire bomb at the centerline station.

# VIII REFERENCE

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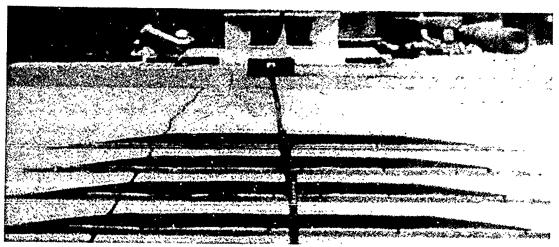
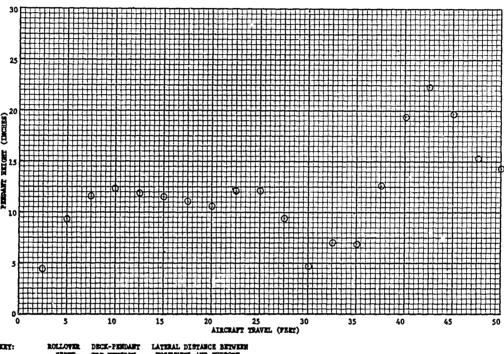


Figure 1 - Aircraft Tire Sections, Rubber Donuts, and Plastic Rails Installed to Support the E-28 Arresting-Gear Deck Pendant



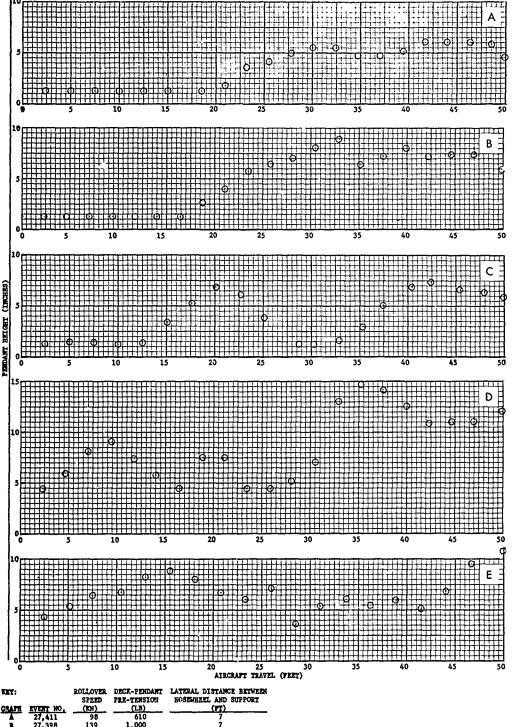
Figure 2 - E-28 Arresting-Gear Deck Pendant and 4 of 5 Portable Grid Stakes



KRY: ROLLOVER DECK-PENDANT LATERAL DISTANCE BETWEE STREET PRE-TENSION MOSEMEERL AND SUPPORT (LE)

\* SIX FEET OF FURCHASE TAPE PULLED THROUGH THE PORT TAPE CLAMP.

Figure 3 - Pendant Height Frofile at the F-4 Airframe Centerline During Rollover of the Simulated E-28 Arresting-Goar Deck Fendant at the MAIF Recovery Systems Track Site No. 5 (Aircraft-Tire-Section Pendant Supports)



KKY:		ROLLOVER	DECK-PENDANT	LATERAL DISTANCE BETWEEN
GRAPH	EVERT NO.	SPEED (KN)	PRE-TENSION (LB)	EOSEWHEEL AND SUPPORT
_	27,411	98	610	7
3	27,398	139	1,000	7
C	27,395	33	1,070	0
D	27,405*	87	890	0
E	27,436†	128	990	0

<sup>\*</sup> PORT: AND STARBOARD CAN HECHANISH RELEASED. † STARROARD CAN HECHANISH RELEASED.

Figure 4 - Pendant Height Profiles at the F-4 Aircraft Centerline During Rollovers of the E-28 Arresting-Gear Deck Pendant at the NATF Russay Arrested Landing Site (Pleatic-Rail Pendant Supports)

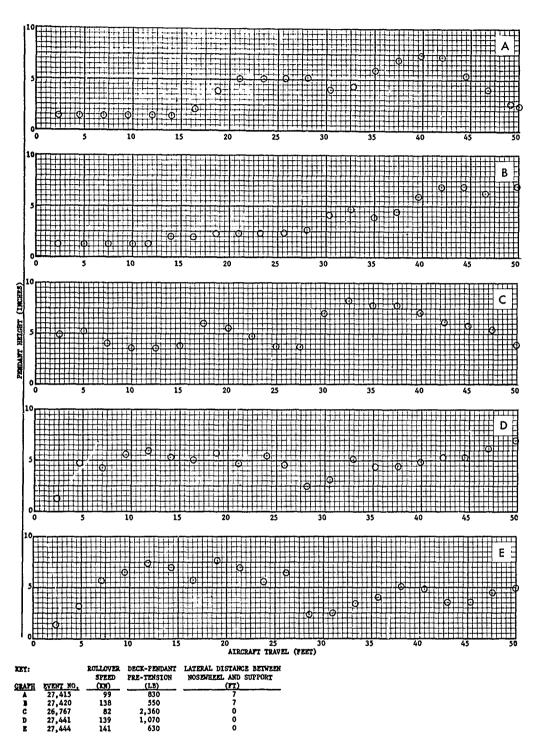


Figure 5 - Pendant Height Profiles at the F-4 Aircraft Centerline During Rollovers of the E-28 Arresting-Gear Deck Pendant at the NATF Runway Arrested Landing Site (Rubber-Donut Pendant Supports)

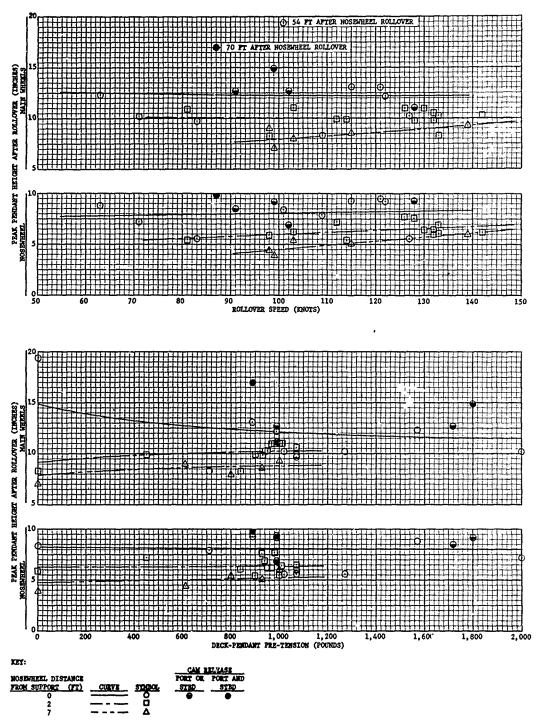


Figure 6 - Peak Deck-Pendant Heights After F-4 Aircraft Nosewheel and Main-Wheel Rollover varius Rollover Speed and Deck-Pendant Pre-tension (R-28 Arresting-Gear Deck Pendant With Plastic-Rail Type Supports)

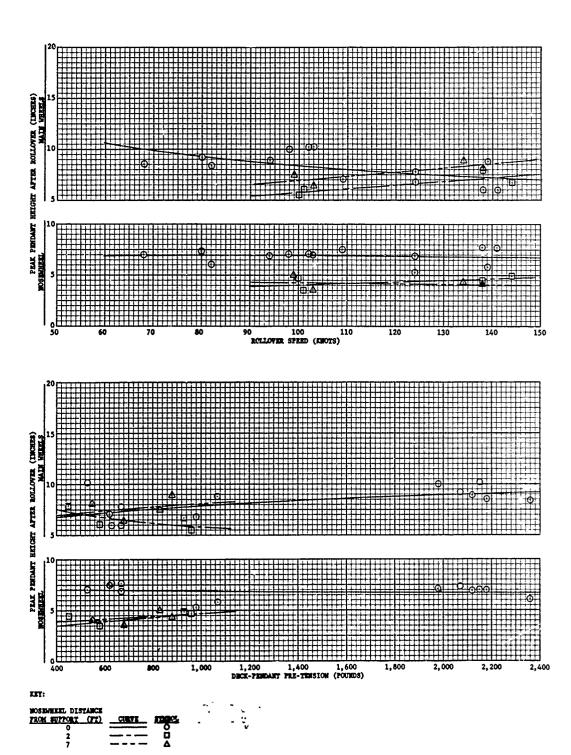


Figure 7 - Feak Dock-Feedant Heights After F-4 Aircraft Hosseheel and Main-Wheel Rollover versus Rollover Speed and Deck-Feedant Fre-tension (N-28 Arresting-Gear Deck Feedant With Rubber-Donut Type Supports)

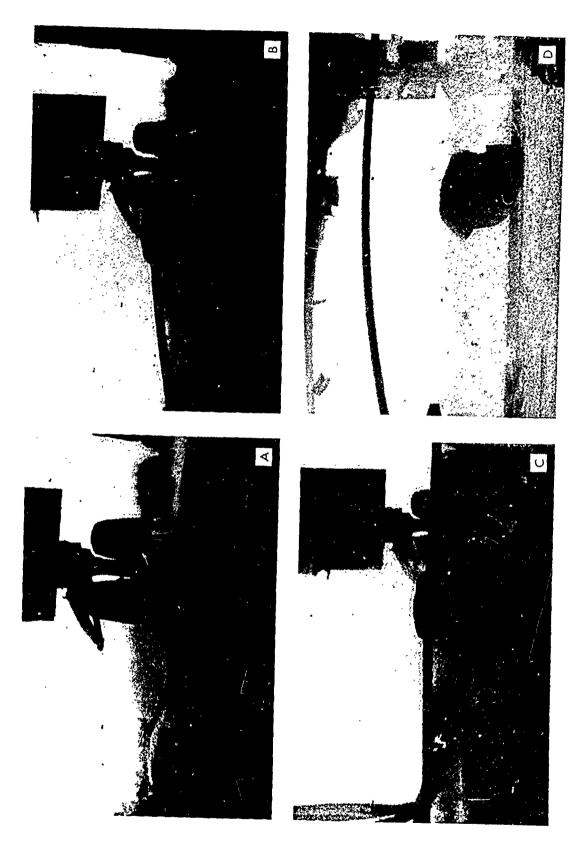


Figure 8 - Sequence Showing the Deck Pendant and the Aircraft-Tire-Section Pendant Support Immediately After Rollover by the F-4 Airframe Nosewheel

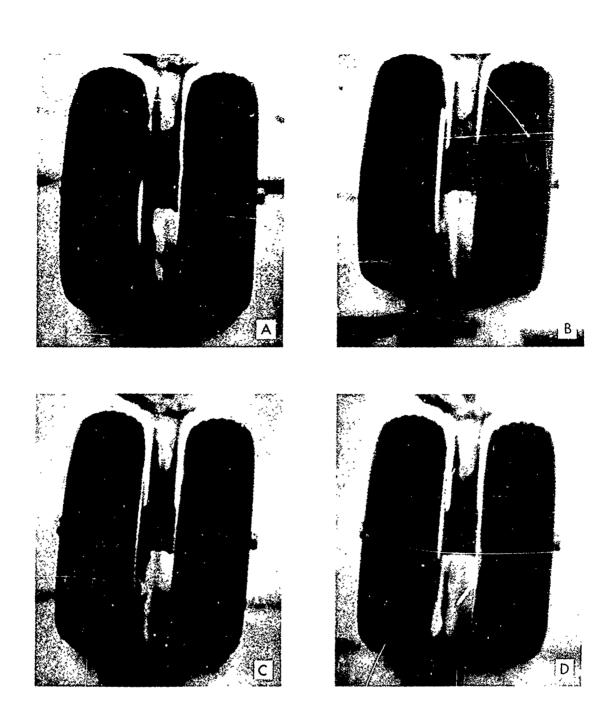


Figure 9 - Sequence Showing F-4 Aircraft Nosewheel Rollover of a Plastic-Rail Pendant Support

APPENDIX A - VERTICAL DATA SHEET FOR E-28 ARRESTING-CEAR DECK-PENDANT ROLLOVER TESTS WITH THE F-4 AIRCRAFT

<u>B</u>	vent No. Site (RALS)	1970 Date	F-4 Acft Weight (Lb)	Speed (Kn)	llover Mosewheel- to-Support Distance (Ft)	Pend	Positions, Port & Stbd, From Runway Centerline (Ft)	Deck- Fre- tension	Pendant Nose- wheel Impact	Tension Hain- Wheel Impact	(Lb) Final	Height Roll	Pendant After Lover [n,) Hain Wheel
1 2 3 4 5	26,629 26,630 26,631 26,632 26,719	3 Apr	38,000 37,000 36,000 35,000 38,500	132 137 138 133 82	6 3 3 10 3	Tires	6 & 18 " 10 & 30 7 & 21	1,180 820 1,090 900 NR	6,050 5,730 4,080 5,340 NR	6,280 5,730 5,870 6,030	730 640 910 870 NR	NG NG NG NG NG NG 7.4	10.3 10.5 11.5 9.3 7.6
6 7 8 9 10	26,720 26,721 26,722 3,577† 26,760	H H 1 May	36,400 35,300 34,900 35,000 37,700	80 82 80 99 Taxi	3 2 2 0 0	H H H Rails	0 & 14 7 & 21	NR NR NR 440 2,020	NR NR NR 3,660 2,610	NR NR NR 11,200 2,610	NR NR NR 0 2,020	6.0 6.6 7.2 12.1 4.5	6.7 9.0 9.3 22.3 4.5
11 12 13 14 15	26,761 26,762 26,763 26,764 26,765		37,200 36,900 36,600 36,200 37,700	71 63 91 99 68	0	H H Donuts	7, 21, 6 35	2,000 1,570 1,720 1,890 2,180	5,750 4,850 5,150 5,890 4,070	6,880 6,100 8,500 11,000 5,710	1,460 1,470 0 0 2,030	7.2 8.8 8.5 9.2 7.0	10.2 12.3 12.7 14.9 8.6
16 17 18 19 20	26,766 26,767 26,768 20,769 26,770	**	37,400 36,900 36,800 35,800 35,400	80 82 103 98 94	0 0 0 0	# # #	## ## ##	2,070 2,360 2,150 1,980 2,120	4,180 4,870 4,290 4,710 3,980	5,610 6,100 7,320 7,440 6,540	1,920 2,120 2,050 1,930 1,770	7.3 6.1 7.0 7.1 6.9	9.2 8.4 10.2 10.0 8.9
21 22 23 24 25	26,7719 26,7729 26,7739 26,7749 26,7754	S Hay	36,400 35,500 35,100 34,100 33,500	132 103 128 115 82	na Na Na Na	None	na Na Na Na Na	770 970 1,160 630 630	1,450 1,450 1,700 1,120 1,070	970 1,320 1,400 820 1,020	1,110 1,220 1,360 1,160 630	:	•
26 27 28 29 30	26,7760 26,7775 26,7785 26,7790 26,7805		33,200 32,500 31,900 31,600 31,000	137 112 114 117 157	na Na Na Na		na na na na na	630 680 0 0	1,020 1,020 400 490 480	820 820 250 390 340	970 970 500 590 240	:	•
31 32 33 34 35	26,7815 27,395 27,396 27,397 27,398	2 Jun	30,900 38,200 37,700 37,000 36,200	134 83 103 115 139	NA 0 7 7	Rails	7 & 21	50 1,070 800 930 1,000	432 3,670 6,880 4,230 4,820	NR 3,950 6,920 3,960 4,640	580 790 610 930 960	5.6 5.4 5.1 6.0	9.7 8.0 8.6 9.3
36 37 38 39 40	27,399 27,400 27,401 27,402 27,403	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	35,000 34,500 33,800 33,400 32,500	81 103 114 142 102	2 2 2 2 0	**	** ** **	1,000 970 900 950 990	4,230 4,750 4,650 4,830 4,970	5,640 7,800 6,810 4,420 9,630	960 880 860 950 90	5.4 6.2 5.4 6.2 6.9	10.9 11.1 9.9 10.3 12.7
41 42 43 44 45	27,404 27,405• 27,411 27,412 27,413	3 Jun	32,000 31,400 38,200 37,800 36,700	115 87 98 100 99	0 0 7 2 7	# # #		890 890 610 530 0	4,400 4,220 2,760 3,240 440	8,400 8,670 3,860 5,210 1,400	580 40 480 480 0	9.3 9.9 4.4 NR 3.9	13.1 17.6 9.0 NR 7.1
46 47 48 49 50	27,414 27,415 27,416 27,417 27,418		36,100 33,900 33,200 32,800 32,400	98 99 134 100 140	2 7 7 2 2	Donuts H	7, 21, 6 35	0 830 880 960 910	700 2,150 2,670 2,740 2,870	1,400 2,450 2,670 5,090 2,200	530 610 440 740	6.0 5.0 4.3 4.7 NR	8.3 7.5 8.9 5.5 NR
51 52 53 54 55	27,419 27,420 27,421 27,422 27,434		38,000 37,800 37,400 36,600 37,500	103 138 101 138 122	7 7 2 2 0	Rails	" " 7 & 21	680 550 580 450 990	1,890 2,140 1,820 1,840 4,330	2,160 2,230 1,780 1,750 10,300	590 500 530 400 1,170	3.6 4.1 3.5 4.5 9.2	6.4 8.1 6.1 7.9 12.2
56 57 58 59 60	27,439		36,200 37,400 35,900 36,800 36,100	121 128 127 102 144	0 0 0	Donuts	7, 21, & 35	890 990 1,020 530 930		10,360 10,970 6,400 4,120 2,650	760 0 800 360 840	9.5 9.3 5.6 7.1 4.9	13.1 11.1 10.2 10.2 6.7
61 62 63 64 65	27,440 27,441 27,442 27,443 27,444	H H	35,700 35,200 34,100 33,700 33,300	124 139 109 124 141	0 0 0 0	H H H	17 10 10 11	980 1,070 620 670 630	2,930 3,310 2,220 2,600 2,640	4,670 940 5,020 6,180 4,610	840 940 490 670 630	5.3 5.8 7.5 6.9 7.9	6.8 8.6 7.1 7.8 6.1
66 67 68 69 70	27,459 27,460 27,461	4 Jul	32,900 37,500 36,900 36,100 35,700	138 101 112 109 126	2 0 2	Rails	7 & 21 **	670 0 450 710 980	2,960 1,380 2,870 2,980 4,310	5,690 1,510 2,640 5,640 4,130	670 0 270 530 670	7.7 8.4 7.2 7.9 7.7	6.0 19.4 9.9 8.3 11.0
71 72 73 74 75	27,462 27,463 27,464 27,465 27,466	H H	35,200 37,700 37,000 36,000 55,500	128 133 133 130 132	2 2 2 2 2	H H H	** ** ** ** **	960 840 940 1,010 1,070	4,850 4,220 4,660 4,720 4,890	6,310 3,780 5,100 5,360 4,040	840 620 810 820 930	7.6 6.1 6.9 6.4 6.0	9.8 8.3 10.2 11.0 9.8
76	27,467		35,300	132	2	•	н	1,070	4,930	6,270	1,020	6.5	10.6

<sup>\*\*</sup> Defined as: aircraft tire sections, plastic rails, rubber donuts, and no pendant supports--pendant flush on deck.

† 7-6 airframe at RSTS No. 5; 6 feet of tape pulled through port H-21 tape clarp.

\$ Starboard cam released after main-wheel rollower.

\$ Afterburner power during sollower.

\$ Pandant moved aft on runway surface by afterburner blast; no vertical motion.

\$ Normal landing rollowit; no afterburner power.

\$ Port cam released.

\$ Port and starboard cams released.

\$ Starboard cam released.